

Application No. 09/595,052
Response to Office Action

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Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

THE SPECIFICATION

The specification and abstract have been amended to correct various minor informalities of which the undersigned has become aware, including all of the informalities pointed out by the Examiner. No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the amendments to the specification and abstract be approved and entered, and that the objection to the specification be withdrawn.

THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-39 have been canceled, and new claims 40-60 have been added to more clearly recite the distinguishing features of the present invention in better compliance with the requirements of 35 USC 112, second paragraph. The informalities pointed out by the Examiner have all been corrected, proper antecedent basis has been provided for all claimed elements, and all claimed elements and the structural relationships therebetween have been more positively and more clearly recited.

No new matter has been added and it is respectfully submitted that new claims 40-60 are in full compliance with the

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requirements of 35 USC 112, second paragraph. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that new claims 40-60 be approved and entered and that the rejections under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

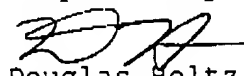
It is respectfully submitted, moreover, that new claims 40-60 patentably distinguish over all of the prior art references of record, and it is also respectfully pointed out that new claims 59 and 60 correspond to (now canceled) allowable claims 34 and 35.

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In view of the foregoing, entry of this Amendment, allowance of new claims 40-60 and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,


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